

In Shock After CIA Talks

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Burns Due Saturday

Syracuse pilot Trevor Burns was under sedation on doctor's orders last night after spending several hours with members of the Central Intelligence Agency going over his plane ditching off Cuba and his stay in Havana last month.

Alvin LeFleur said Burns, 43, apparently went into a delayed shock after reliving, in talks with the CIA, his 28 hours in shark-infested waters. LeFleur flew to Cuba to return Burns to the U.S. recently.

"The Cubans called him 'The Man Who Was Reborn,'" LeFleur said, "because man rarely survives in his encounters with sharks. When he does it is something of a miracle."

LeFleur said he and Burns will fly into Syracuse on Saturday. Burns is staying in LeFleur's home near Miami.

LeFleur expressed distress over the way he said Burns' message to Gov. Rockefeller and gifts of cigars from a high Cuban official "has been blown up into a lot of nonsense."

Burns had said he has a message for Rockefeller, and would disclose it only to him.

LeFleur said last night, however, that the message "is nothing that can hurt anybody. I don't see why there is such a big mess over it. . . . relations between Cuba and the U.S. can't get much worse than they are now, can they?"

LeFleur said Burns spent the afternoon with the CIA going over maps and discussing everything the Syracusan did and saw while in Cuba.

LeFleur said the CIA also gave him back some of the pictures he took at the Havana airport when he went there to pick up Burns.

He said after he took off from the Havana airport he circled Havana for about 20 minutes and took pictures. These were also turned over to the CIA, he said.

Burns' light plane crashed

into the Caribbean after running out of gas on a flight from Puerto Rico to the U.S. He swam for 28 hours before being rescued and taken ashore to Cuba.

Several times he was approached by sharks, who came close but did not attack him.

LeFleur said that as they headed toward Miami, Fla., in his plane they were flying at about 2,500 feet over the water.

"Burns started telling me about what happened in the water," LeFleur said, "and all of a sudden I looked and we were at 9,000 feet. . . . that's how much sharks scare me I had been pulling higher and higher, unconsciously, as he was talking."